

CLAIMS

We claim:

- 1 1. A dual clutch comprising:
2 a first clutch area comprising a housing connected to an abutment plate by a
3 press fit , a first pressure plate, and a force exerting element supported against the
4 housing and urging the pressure plate toward the abutment plate, and
5 a second clutch area comprising a second pressure plate and a force
6 transmitting arrangement which extends axially across the abutment plate and can exert
7 force on the second pressure plate, said force transmitting arrangement comprising a
8 first force transmitting element and a second force transmitting element connected by a
9 press fit.
- 1 2. A dual clutch as in claim 1 wherein said abutment plate has a radially inner
2 connecting surface and said housing has a radially outer connecting surface which
3 receives said radially inner connecting surface in a press fit.
- 1 3. A dual clutch as in claim 1 wherein said housing comprises a part formed of
2 sheet metal.
- 1 4. A dual clutch as in claim 1 wherein said housing wherein said housing and said
2 abutment plate are also connected by at least one of connecting elements, welding,
3 bonding, and adhesive.
- 1 5. A dual clutch as in claim 1 wherein said first force transmitting element has a
2 ring-like first connecting area and said second force transmitting element has a second

3 connecting area with a plurality of axial projections, one of said connecting areas being
4 axially inserted into the other connecting area.

1 6. A dual clutch as in claim 5 wherein the first connecting area has an inner
2 connecting surface and the second connecting area has an outer connecting surface
3 which is inserted inside the inner connecting surface.

1 7. A dual clutch as in claim 5 wherein the second connecting area has a side facing
2 radially away from the first connecting area, said dual clutch further comprising a
3 support ring against said side facing radially away from the first connecting area.

1 8. A dual clutch as in claim 5 wherein said first and second force transmitting
2 elements are also connected by at least one of connecting elements, welding, bonding,
3 and adhesive.